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SUBJECT:ANTARCTIC TREATY: U.S. DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR DE-
CLASSIFYING CONSULTATIVE MEETING DOCUMENTS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEEK ASAP UK'S COMMENT ON DRAFT OF
U.S. WORKING PAPER ON AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC OF CON-
FERENCE DOCUMENTS WE INTEND TO TABLE AT NINTH CONSULTATIVE
MEETING UNDER AGENDA ITEM 12. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE ANTARCTIC IS GROWING,
FUELED BY CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND POSSIBLE RESOURCE
ACTIVITY. GOVERNMENTS OUTSIDE THE TREATY REGIME ARE
EVIDENCING INCREASINGLY INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF
TREATY PARTIES, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM.
THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE INFORMATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE,
AND IN ITS ABSENCE SUSPICIONS AND MISINTERPRETATION MAY
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OCCUR.

IF THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES ARE TO CONVINCE THE WORLD
OUTSIDE THE TREATY REGIME THAT THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF AND
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN ANTARCTICA OF
ALL NATIONS, THEY MUST BE MORE FORTHCOMINGPUBLICLY THAN
HERETOFORE. EVIDENCE OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS AR CONSULTA-

TIVE MEETINGS, UP TO NOW LARGELY OUT OF REACH OF THE PUBLIC, SHOULD BE MADE MORE READILY AVAILABLE. TO THIS END, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE CONSULTATIVE PARTIES AT THE NINTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS DETERMINE AT THE END OF THE MEETINGS WHICH CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRIVILEGED AND AFFORDED CONFIDENTIALITY. ALL DOCUMENTS NOT SO DESIGNATED WOULD BE CONSIDERED RELEASIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

ONE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WOULD BE TO PROPOSE THAT THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WITH THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION, NUMBERED 25, AND

ENTITLED INNER QUOTE DOCUMENTS OF THE MEETING END INNER QUOTE AS FOLLOWS:

INNER QUOTE BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING ANY REPRESENTATIVE MAY REQUEST THAT A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY HIM OR HIS DELEGATION SHALL BE AFFORDED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE CONFERENCE AND THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THE DOCUMENT IS DISTRIBUTED BY THE MEETING OR OTHER CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. SUCH CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT WILL BE AFFORDED AND THE DOCUMENT GIVEN A CLASSIFICATION OF ANT/CONFIDENTIAL. A CONSULTATIVE PARTY MAY SIGNIFY ITS WISHES BY PLACING THE CLASSIFICATION ON ITS DOCUMENT AT THE TIME IT IS TABLED.
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ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS OF THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING. END QUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT NEEDS RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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